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ACHTUNG!
DAAAAMEN...
HERROREN... AND
TRUE BELIEVERS
OF ALL AGES!

I, STAN
"RINGMASTER"
LEE, BID YOU
"WILLKOMMEN" TO
THE GREATEST SHOW
ON THIS, OR ANY
EARTH...

...NAMELY --
THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL
"FLASHBACK" ISSUE OF
EXCALIBUR!

NOW, WHILE YOU
FAITHFULLY FACE
FRONT, PREPARE TO
BE AMAZED AND
ASTONISHED AS WE
TRAVEL BACK IN TIME
TO THE ANCIENT
TOWN OF
WINZELDORF...

...DEEP IN
THE DARK HEART
OF GERMANY'S
MYSTERIOUSLY
MAGICAL "BLACK
FOREST" --

-- FOR
A TALE SO
TITANIC... SO
TERRIFIC... SO
TEUTONIC --

-- IT COULD
STAR NONE OTHER
THAN THE EUROPEAN
X-MEN'S SWASHBUCKLING
LEADER... THAT BLUE-
FURRED, BAVARIAN
BRAVEHEART --

-- NIGHTCRAWLER!





NOT TO MENTION HIS CURVY CIRCUS SIDEKICK -- JIMAINÉ SZARDOS!

TODAY, MOST OF YOU KNOW HER AS KURT'S BEST GAL, AMANDA SEFTON.

BUT REMEMBER, THIS IS WAY BACK WHEN!

THEY'RE ABOUT TO PERFORM THE MOST DARING... MOST DEATH-DEFYING... WITHOUT-A-NET TRAPEZE ACT EVER SEEN...

AH, BUT LET'S NOT GET AHEAD OF OURSELVES HERE, MEIN FREUNDEN...

...ON WITH THE SHOW!



GREAT SOMERSAULT, MY LOVE! NOW TO -- ACH, NEW!

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN -- MULTI-LINGUAL MATT

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-- AND ONE
I CAN ONLY
SHARE WITH THE
PEOPLE I LOVE
MOST!

FIRST
YOU SAVE
MY LIFE IN FRONT
OF THE ADULATORY
MASSES WHO THINK
YOU A *COSTUMED*
PERFORMER...

...THEN
YOU WHISK
ME *BACKSTAGE*
HOPING TO *SEDUCE* ME
WITH YOUR CHARMS --
EH, "HERR GOBLIN"??



JA... IS IT
WORKING?

PERFECTLY.

BUT,
BECAUSE
THERE'S SOME-
THING I NEED
TO TELL
YOU.

I'M
THINKING
ABOUT
LEAVING THE
CIRCUS.

YOU'RE
WHAAAAAT?



JIMAINÉ, WAIT!
I KNOW IT'S SORT
OF SUDDEN,
BUT --

IN HERE,
EVERYBODY!
THEY'RE IN
HERE!

AH,
NEIN, NOT
THEM NOT
NOW.







"-- I CAN'T
WAIT TO TELL
MAMA THE
GOOD NEWS!"

MEANWHILE, IN THE
TRAILER BELONGING
TO MARGALI
SZARDOS...



"THE CIRCUS"
FIRSTWILE
FASTLINE
TELLER

BY THE
HOARY HOSTS
AND THE RAGGED
RINGS --

-- MAKE PLAIN
TO MY SIGHT A
MOST SACRED,
MYSTICAL
THING!

MAMA! I
HAVE THE MOST
WONDERFUL
THING TO TELL
YOU --!



YOU
ARE NOT
GOING,
CHILD.

BUT,
MAMA --
WHY
NOT?
I'M OLD
ENOUGH TO
MAKE MY OWN
DECISIONS!



IT IS
NOT A
MATTER OF
AGE.
IT IS A
MATTER OF
RESPONSIBILITY.







"-- TRULY
SORRY,
INDEED."

WHY...?

WHY
DID I HAVE
TO BE BORN THE
DAUGHTER OF A
SORCERESS?

MAMA
NEVER HASSLED
STEPHAN THIS
MUCH WHEN HE
LEFT HOME.*

I DON'T
EVEN CARE
ABOUT THE
STUPID
"WINDING
WAY" --

-- SO WHY
SHOULD I HAVE
TO *PROTECT*
IT SOMEDAY?

*FOR MORE ON JIMANE'S
WACKY BROTHER, CHECK
OUT UXM ANNUAL #4,
ONCE IT COMES OUT IN
1980. -- MATT.

I'VE
SEEN THE
TOLL BEING A
WITCH HAS
TAKEN ON
MAMA.

BESIDES
KURT AND
MYSELF, SHE NO
LONGER HAS ANY-
ONE TO CALL HER
OWN. NO ONE
TO LOVE.

OUR
TIME ON THIS
EARTH IS
FLEETING
ENOUGH --

-- I
WANT TO
SPEND IT WITH
SOMEONE I
LOVE, WHO
LOVES ME.

NO MATTER
WHAT MAMA
SAYS OR DOES, AFTER
TOMORROW NIGHT'S
PERFORMANCE --

"-- I'M
GONE!"

THE FOLLOWING
MORNING...

I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT
JIMAINÉ.
PERHAPS
I SHOULDN'T
HAVE DROPPED
THAT BOMB ON
HER LAST
NIGHT.

SHE
AND MARGALI
HAVE A LOT OF
UNRESOLVED ISSUES
BETWEEN THEM
AS IT IS --

-- THE LAST
THING THEY NEED
RIGHT NOW IS
ANOTHER BONE
OF CONTENTION.

GUTEN MORGEN,
FOLKS. ANYONE
SEEN JIMAINÉ
TODAY?

UFFF...
UFFF...
UFFF...

I
HAVEN'T
SEEN HER --
HAVE
YOU?

NEIN --
IT'S A REAL
BRAIN
TWISTER!

SLUB!

Hmmm
THIS IS NOT
GOOD.
I PRAY
ALL IS WELL, IF
JIMAINÉ AND
MARGALI HAVE
DECLARED YET
ANOTHER "WAR"
ON EACH
OTHER --

"... THEN MAY GOD
PROTECT THE POOR
UNFORTUNATE WHO
MIGHT GET CAUGHT
IN THE CROSSFIRE!"

HO THERE,
JIMAINÉ!

MIND IF
AN "OLD TIMER"
WARMS UP WITH
YOU THIS FINE
MORROW?



I WOULD
BE HONORED
TO TRAIN WITH
OUR MASTER
AERIALIST,
SABU --

-- BUT
ONLY IF YOU
SWEAR THAT MAMA
DIDN'T SEND YOU
HERE TO CHANGE MY
MIND ABOUT
LEAVING!

YOUR
MOTHER NEEDS
NO MESSENGER TO
MAKE HER MESSAGES
CLEAR, GIRL -- YOU
KNOW THAT.

TOO
TRUE.

ACTUALLY,
I WAS WONDERING
IF YOU WOULDN'T
MIND MY STANDING
IN FOR YOU
TONIGHT.

WHAT
WITH THIS
BEING KURT'S
FINAL
PERFORMANCE
AND ALL --



-- HIS MENTOR WOULD BE HONORED TO SHARE THE SPOTLIGHT WITH HIS STAR PUPIL ONE LAST TIME.

THAT'S SO SWEET, SABU. I THINK KURT'D LOVE THAT!

ME--? I CAN'T WAIT TO LEAVE THE BIG TOP BEHIND AND GET ON THE ROAD...

...EVEN IF I HAVE TO SNEAK AWAY IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT TO DO SO!

ABOUT THAT, JIMAIN-- IS IT WISE TO CHALLENGE YOUR MOTHER'S WISHES?



HER DEFTNESS IN THE ARCADE ARTS BELIES HER ROLE AS "FORTUNE TELLER".

AND MARGALI IS NOT THE KIND OF WOMAN WHO TAKES DECEPTION LIGHTLY.

LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER.



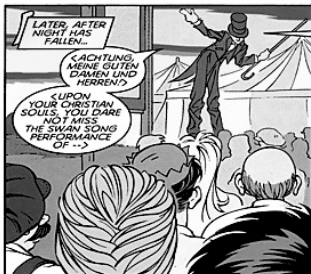
WHY, FOR ALL WE KNOW -- SHE COULD BE EAVESDROPPING ON US RIGHT NOW.

BUT YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT --? I... DON'T CARE!

COME MORNING, WHEN THE CIRCUS PICKS UP STICKS TO HEAD FOR THE NEXT TOWN --

-- I INTEND TO DO THE SAME.





LATER, AFTER
NIGHT HAS
FALLEN...

KACHTUNG,
MEINE GUTEN
DAMEN UND
HERREN!>

KUPON
YOUR CHRISTIAN
SOULS, YOU DARE
NOT MISS
THE SWAN SONG
PERFORMANCE
OF -->

<-- DAS
NIGHTCRAWLER!>



LETZTE
VORSTELLUNG!
AUSVERKÜFFT!



WHERE IS JIMAINÉ?
I THOUGHT SHE'D
AT LEAST BE HERE
FOR MY LAST
SHOW...

ARE YOU
AND JIMAINÉ
REALLY GOING
"BYE-BYE",
KURT?

HAUS
WANTS YOU
TO STAY! HAUS
MISSES YOU
ALREADY!



YOU'RE NOT THE
ONLY ONE, HAUS! THE
BIG TOP BLEACHERS
HAVE NEVER
BEEN THIS
FULL!

JAJA AND
I HOPE JIMAINÉ
DOESN'T MISS IT --



"-- 'CUZ THIS IS
GOING TO BE A
KILLER SHOW!"

...AND
THAT'S THE
LAST OF MY
THINGS.

A
LIFE SPENT
IN THE CIRCUS
AND ALL I HAVE TO
SHOW FOR IT IS
ONE HALF-FULL
SUITCASE?

YUP -- I
AM DEFINITELY
DOING THE RIGHT
THING BY LEAVING!



THEN, PLEASE,
CASTLING -- GO!
AND LOOK BACK
NO MORE!

EH?
WHO'S
THERE..?







I'M
GOING TO
MISS YOU SO
MUCH WHILE YOU'RE
TRAVELING THE
WORLD... WISHING I
COULD BE THERE
WITH YOU...

JIMAINIE,
LEIBCHEN --
IT'S A TRUE AND
TERRIBLE SACRIFICE
YOU'VE GOT TO
MAKE.

BUT I
SWEAR TO YOU,
WE WILL BE
TOGETHER...

...SOMEDAY.

AWW...
AIN'T LOVE
GRAND?

NEXT ISSUE:
EXCALIBUR BEGINS THEIR LONG TREK
HOME FROM ASIA WITH A
GENIAL VISIT TO AN OLD FRIEND;
A GHOSTLY VISIT FROM
A MOST UNEXPECTED FOE...
AND A HUUUUUGE

BANG!



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